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## ST. LAWRENCE WINS

Last Friday night St. Lawrence defeated the Varsity at Basketball by the score of 27-14. The game was fast, close and spectacular. The guarding of both teams was the feature, the visitors having the better of this department owing to the inferior shooting accuracy of our forwards. It was the first time in history that St. Lawrence had beaten us. The last Basketball game with them resulted overwhelmingly in our favor. These facts and the fact that the game was scheduled in consequence of St. Lawrence's defiant claims on an opportunity to prove her superiority, made the game of even more interest than the mere closeness of score could have effected. In addition to this, the continuous lead of the visitors brought out the last effort of every Varsity player, making the game the best from a spectacular standpoint that we have seen on our floor for a long time.

St. Lawrence won from a slight superiority in every phase. In passing, they were more accurate; in stamina, they surpassed us; while in accuracy of shooting they were far better. Only twice did they just miss caging the ball, while, on the other hand, we repeatedly rimmed the basket, but lacked the finesse to make the attempt a score. But still more fundamental was their superiority in agility. On changing from the offensive to the defensive, or vice versa, they lost little time. Above all, however, was the individual work of St. Lawrence's captain, A. Calder. Alone, he made the majority of the visitor's points, mostly thru shooting from fouls. Out of eleven such chances he missed but two.

Hamilton's fault was primarily in slowness of transition. Chance after chance was lost by an inability to take immediate advantage of the recovery of the ball, thus losing time in putting the play into effective offensive when the ball was procured. Conversely, on losing the ball the team lacked skill, in changing to the defensive and covering their opponents before they scored. But the main fault was in the former phase, as the team played the defensive almost entirely. Seldom was the play outside of St. Lawrence's territory. The result would not have been changed but the score would have, if there had been some science and system in the shooting from fouls. To have three different men trying to do a work that is so obviously the result of specialization, is a fault that is disastrous but curable. Out of thirteen chances, only two were converted into scores. That is unnecessary. Individually the men played well and with promise of a superior team. Tho Sherwin was not up to his 20-point form of the Union game, he was successful in the tip-off, especially in the second half. Getman played an unspectacular game, but when the scoring is consulted it is found that he excels. In the Union game from guard he scored six points, while his forward opponent scored but two. In the last game four points are credited to him, and only two to the opposing forward.

The Game—A. Calder started the scoring after several minutes of indecisive play had elapsed, by dropping the ball into the basket from a foul. Rafferty and R. Calder followed with long shots, and then Hamilton braced. Allen, after his many misses, finally caged the ball and later shot a basket from a foul. For another period the play was first with one side, then with the other, until St. Lawrence finally led with ten to her credit. Sherwin made the score 10 to 9, but St. Lawrence drew ahead to 14 to 9 as the half closed.

The Varsity started the second half with renewed vigor, but could not decrease St. Lawrence's lead. For about the first five minutes the score remained about four points in the visitors' favor; but from then on A. Calder and Rafferty scored frequently and made the result the decisive victory of 27 to 14.

The line-ups:

| ST. LAWRENCE 27. | | HAMILTON 14. |
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| | Right Forward. | |
| Billings | | Allen |
| | Left Forward. | |
| A. Calder (Capt.) | | Roenke (Capt.) |
| | Center. | |
| Rafferty | | Sherwin |
| | Right Guard. | |
| R. Calder | | Conklin (Regan) |
| | Left Guard. | |
| Logan | | Getman |

Goals from fouls—A. Calder, 9; Allen, 2. Goals from floor—Rafferty, 3; A. Calder, 3; R. Calder, 2; Billings, 1; Allen, 2; Roenke, 1; Sherwin, 1; Getman, 2. Referee—Avery, Syracuse. Umpire—Tomilson, St. Lawrence. Timers—Wallace, '09, and Dodge, St. Lawrence. Time of halves—Twenty minutes.

## FOOTBALL PLANS

The management of Football has been exceedingly busy and a tentative Schedule is now in process of arrangement. Of course many uncertainties still lurk in the future, but the schedule will probably form along the lines at present laid down. The schedule has not been approved by the Faculty yet and is, as a matter of fact, not yet ready for their approval. There will be two games in September not yet arranged for, one of them probably with a prep. school. November 6th will see the Varsity either at New York or Hartford. Other changes in the schedule will be noticed. For the first time in the memory of the student-body Hobart will be seen here on the gridiron. Rutgers is also a newcomer on our home grounds. Union is made the objective point of our season and Colgate relegated to a minor position. This ought to meet with very general approval. Syracuse is met in mid-season, and tho this is dangerous,

it should not mar the rest of the season. The tabulated schedule follows:
Oct. 2.—Hobart at Clinton.
Oct. 9.—Colgate at Hamilton.
Oct. 16.—Rochester at Rochester.
Oct. 23.—Syracuse at Syracuse.
Oct. 30.—Rutgers at Clinton.
Nov. 6.—Trinity at Hartford.
or N. Y. U. at N. Y.
Nov. 13.—Union at Clinton.

The engagement of J. D. Pryor to coach the team again next season is almost certain. Tho his services cannot be contracted for until the pledged contributions are entirely paid in, still he has held off engaging himself elsewhere and, in his words, the chances are 1000 to 1 that he will coach here. Prof. Sicard has charge of the contributions for this. The payment of the $125 pledged by the Alumni is well under way, as one hundred and fifty letters have been sent out thru which over sixty dollars has already been realized. Of the $145-pledge of the undergraduates, a less proportion has been paid. The collection of this is in the hands of a committee of fraternity representatives. The necessity of immediate payment of these subscriptions is obvious in that no contract can be made until the entire payment is made to the association.

There are plans for spring practice. Prospects for work this spring, however, are seriously marred by the enforced absence, due to illness, of Captain-Elect Leavenworth, '10. It is probable that he will be unable to return this year.

## SOPHS & FROSHS ENTERTAIN.

Wednesday evening, despite all indications and extraneous efforts to the contrary, the Sophomores held their class banquet at the Arcanum Temple in Utica. A few of the class experienced some difficulty in excusing themselves from the demands of loving brothers. But all finally arrived, and it was a jolly company that sat down to enjoy the excellent menu prepared by Caterer Stockhauser—that is, all were happy except the two Freshmen who consented to grace the occasion with their presence.

After these guests of honor had been initiated into the mysteries (barrel staves) they were brought forth and called upon for responses. A declamation was given in spirited style by one, while soft music was discoursed by his aesthetic comrade.

Following this preliminary diversion the real feast of wit and flow of soul began. Colson acted as toastmaster and served most acceptably. Burdick responded to "1911 in College Activities," E. H. Jones to "Literary Exercises," Gouge gave an "Ode to the Faculty," Wisehart discussed "The Slimers" with true feeling and poetry. Manion added "A Little Sweetness," putting in three and even four lumps, and Allen ended the festivities with "Alma Mater." The speakers were listened to with great attention, and the guests of the evening were taken into the fold in order that they might appreciate Wisehart's true poetic fervor. "Carissima" closed the more immediate exercises.

But all was not yet over. A special car was waiting to take the men back to the Hill. After Clinton was reached the tally-hos were pressed into service, and then the day of reckoning began to dawn, within a short time of the hour when said figure became literally true. The Freshmen who were visited, however, did not seem to be as eager for entertainment as they had been earlier in the evening. But some of them were amenable to persuasion.

The affair was voted by all present to be a most successful sort of an affair, there being but two dissenting voices, and, of course, they may have been prejudiced.

The menus were very tasty arrangements of the class colors, maroon and gray. Beside each plate reposed a beautiful boutoniere tied with buff and blue ribbon, which bore the date and "1911." The committee in charge was composed of Sidle (chairman), Curtis, Day, Fawcett, Gouge, Parry, Westcott and Wisehart.

The corollary of the proposition was based on the fact that the elite of the class were corraled on their way to the trolley. The Freshmen, fearing that some momentous social event was in the air, gravitated down the Hill. Finding several of their older brothers about to take the trolley city-ward, the vigilants persuaded them with tender embrace and cool reason to return to the Hill. A few of those accosted were rather obstinate, however, and spurning the proffered affection, beat it (not the affection) to New Hartford. Meanwhile the more reasonable members accepted the escort up the Hill, where the Freshmen kindly donated the room of two of their guests for a house warming party. It was very warm, so that after the formalities of mutual feeding, putting one another to bed, etc., were finished, the guests were ready to accept without preparation the offer of the hosts to bathe in the coldest water the house could afford. This over, the guests departed, sped to Utica and transformed themselves into hosts—the two honorary banqueters being the entertained.

Meanwhile, on the Hill, the Freshmen, fatigued from their duties of entertainment, had retired, after having vivisected the beds of their absent brothers. These, on return, were unappreciative. Consequently they went to the dormant Freshmen, gave them a practical illustration of the golden rule on their own beds and invited them to revivify the pallets that they had dismembered.

## PROM PROGRAM

The program for Prom Week is now nearly settled. The fraternity dances have finally been well distributed and will be as follows: Wednesday, Sigma Phi, Chi Psi, Theta Delta Chi and Emerson Literary Society; Friday, Alpha Delta Phi, Psi Upsilon, Delta Upsilon and Delta Kappa Epsilon. Thursday night the regular Junior Promenade will be given by the Class of 1910. The event ought to be a record breaker. The fact of the electric lights will add to its attractiveness, as also will the increased possibilities in effective decoration on account of that new feature. The music will be imported, and naturally unusually good. Friday afternoon there will occur the basketball game between the Varsity and the Alumni. The Alumni will probably line up: Sicard, '06, and Kuolt, '07, forwards; Kelley, ex-'07, center; Sherman and Le Munyan, '06, guards. Friday will be a College holiday, as usual. On Thursday the Musical Clubs will give the usual concert in Commons Hall.

## BASEBALL COACH?

Tho no definite arrangements have as yet been made, Mr. F. A. Mantell, who is being considered for baseball coach, has been on the Hill the latter part of the week looking over the ground and the prospective squad.

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THE INTERCLASS DEBATE of next Monday evening in the College Chapel ought to be of unusual interest. The subject of "Direct Nominations" is the live issue of the day thruout the entire State. Tho the Governor's message strongly recommended the enactment of a bill along this line, the party in power is almost evenly divided on the question. So paramount is the issue that there will undoubtedly be a general educative campaign by the factional leaders this winter, and on the result of the popular verdict the nationalization of the scheme will practically depend. Of even more special interest will be Monday's debate on the question, in that Professor Davenport is one of the leaders in the advocacy of the proposed plan and in that both teams have had the advantage of his deep knowledge of the details and principles of the case in hand. Most of the literature available has been for direct nominations. But the opposition has been gaining steadily in its strength of argument. The latter side will be put forth by the Senior debaters. Those who attend the debate will be in a fair position to judge the merits of the case. The opportunity is too valuable to be missed. The subject is eminently timely, practical, vital and—we rejoice—not "academic." These features alone should attract every man to attend. To mention the support that each man owes to so worthy a branch of Hamilton activity is superfluous.

WE DO NOT HAVE TO PAY, we do not have to exert ourselves. We can play our more practiced role of just sitting back and appreciating. Mr. James P. Soper, of Chicago, has asked that the bill for the electric lights in the Gymnasium be referred to him.

THE "SCURF" DEPARTMENTS of the last two Hamiltonians enlisted but few outside the College. Discretion and diplomacy might be a wise seasoning for 1910's message.

THE INTERCLASS DEBATE is scheduled for Monday night, and should furnish an informing exhibition of our present argumentative abilities, with the added interest of competition for the Intercollegiate team. The question itself is exceptionally alive and timely, as it concerns the movement for a direct primary system in New York State, the wording being:

*"A system of direct nominations to elective offices within the State of New York should be established.*

*"N. B.—This proposition does not apply to United States Senators."*

The Senior team, upholding the negative argument, consists of Marriott, Rifenbark, Truax and Wallace, who will appear in that order in both rounds. For the Juniors, Sherwin, Judson, Baldwin and Dounce will debate in the order named. Both teams are confident of the outcome, each being convinced of the validity of its position, and having prepared a strong case in support of the conviction. Dr. Davenport invited the eight debaters to his seminar lecture on Direct Primaries a week ago Saturday night; he is particularly interested in the subject, in view of its impending discussion by the Legislature. The Senior team has the advantage of experience, and of the unusual analytical ability of Truax, '09. The Junior team, however, have Dounce, and have chosen that side of the case which has more accessible argumentative possibilities. A very strenuous contest may be expected on Monday night.

The time of appearance is seven minutes for the first round and four for the second.

A Faculty Committee will select the Varsity team of three out of the participants in the Interclass Contest.

ST. LAWRENCE'S VICTORY in basketball was a decided disappointment; but the fact lay more in their ability than our deficiency. The truth of it is that the basketball teams of the neighboring colleges have been becoming better and better year by year until this year a higher average of proficiency has been reached by the smaller colleges of this section than in almost any other part of the country. Rochester, for instance, has defeated Cornell twice and overwhelmed Pennsylvania—last year's "big five" champions. St. Lawrence has defeated Syracuse and many of the strong non-collegiate teams of Northern New York, including the Twenty-eighth Separate Company, of Utica. On the other hand, Colgate just barely lost to Pennsylvania and defeated Rochester decisively. The moral of this survey is that great effort is necessary on the part of Hamilton. The standard is unprecedentedly high. But the Varsity is potentially equal to the attainment. Individually the men have the ability—therefore excuse is difficult. Tho much misfortune has handicapped the season, still the outlook is bright, provided that the team work and stamina are bettered.

## PRESS CLUB'S WORK

The Press Club has been organized this year with the idea of doing some effective work for Hamilton. It is the ambition of every undergraduate to bring more men to our alma mater. The Press Club can help considerably in this. The co-operation of the College is needed in the work, however, and it is hoped that this help will be forthcoming.

The work has been divided among various committees, each of which has one phase of the activity assigned to it. One committee has charge of the press correspondence. It is its duty to see that current Hamilton news is

printed in the newspapers. Each member of this committee has a certain paper which it is his duty to supply with news. Another committee is sending articles relating to the life at Hamilton to the many prep. school papers. If desired, a cut of some one of our buildings is sent to be printed with the article.

It has been found that most of men in college come from towns which have a local newspaper. Another committee is supplying these local papers with short items, stating what the men from that town are doing in college. In a small town these items are of local interest and should prove quite valuable as an advertisement to the college. It has been found that 90 per cent. of the men in college are covered by one or both of the last named committees.

An effort is also being made to have articles relating to the college printed in the Sunday editions of the New York papers and the weekly magazines. Whether this will be realized is still a question.

There is no doubt to any one that a good Press Club can do a lot for the College. If it is worth the time of the club, it is also worth your help. Every man in College who can do anything to help the work along should not hesitate to offer it. The members of the club should not be considered the only men who do the work. If the College body, as a whole, acted practically as members much would be accomplished. The Press Club this year is going to do its best. Can you help?

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Mantell graduated from Cornell in 1906, took a post-graduate course and was a member of the championship 1907 team. He is an infielder. His four years' experience at Cornell under "Hughey" Jennings, during one year of which he was in charge of the Freshman squad, has given him a thoro knowledge of the game.

Mr. Mantell comes highly recommended and would undoubtedly be a valuable man should he be signed. There is a possibility of his coaching the team in indoor practice during the last month of winter term as well as during the regular outdoor work. This would give the team a fine start.

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## NOTES

—Wills, '10, has returned to College after a trip to Florida.

—Miss Sicard, sister of Prof. Sicard, is spending the week on the Hill.

—Battery practice will be held three times a week, beginning next Monday.

—Mr. Charles B. Rogers, '87, and Mrs. Rogers sailed for Italy, this week.

—The Billiard Room in Alpha Delta Phi Hall, is being done over in burlap.

—The picture of the Hamiltonian Board was taken in Utica on Saturday.

—Application blanks for Pratt's Teachers' Institute can be obtained from Sabine, '09.

—Senator Davenport made the principal address of the evening before the Albany Law School last night.

—Leavenworth, '10, does not expect to return to College this year. He will take up a special course next fall.

—Prof. Squires, will lecture at the Mid-Winter Conference, held at Auburn Seminary, Monday, Feb. 15th.

—Announcements have been made of the deaths of George S. Hastings, '56, and of Melville E. Dayton, '64.

—Prof. Lewis has adopted a plan of posting his criticisms on Wednesday declamations in the Chapel vestibule.

—Alumni on the Hill last week: Jones, '03, Owens, Lambert Knox, Scovel, '04, Cody, Allen, '08, Moore, ex-'10.

—Arrangements have been completed for a Relay Meet with Union to be held in Troy on Washington's Birthday.

—The Freshman Basketball Team will play Watertown High School on Feb. 12th, and Lowville Academy on the 13th.

—For the convenience of the students during Prom. Week, Joe Mertz has procured six hacks for his livery service.

—Wednesday evening the French Club met at the home of Prof. Shepard and began the reading of "Cyrano de Bergerac."

—The Faculty has decided that it is inadvisable for the Freshmen to accept the challenge of the Colgate Freshmen debaters.

—Leon Van Camp, a veteran pianotuner will be on the Hill next week to solicit work. He has recently been employed by several members of the Faculty and is recommended for skill and reasonableness of charge.

## MUSICAL CLUBS TRIP

On Thursday at noon the Musical Clubs start on their annual mid-winter trip. Instead of the usual trip thru northern New York, the Clubs will visit Gloversville and Schenectady. Thursday evening they will appear in the former city under the auspices of the local Theta Phi Fraternity. On Friday, a concert will be given in Schenectady High School under the auspices of the Senior Class there. The cuts allowed will extend over Saturday.

## GYM. LIGHTED

The wiring for electric lights in the Gym. has been completed, with the exception of a few minor details. The wiring covers the first and second floors effectually. The long-standing complaints of insufficient lighting in the drying room and lower halls will henceforth be quieted. In the Gym. proper the lights are placed in the ceiling, and high up on the walls, in such a way that the light will be thrown down directly from over head. This will have a vast advantage over the gas, where the eyes were often blinded. It is expected that large bulbs will be placed over the front and rear entrances, to replace the present kerosene lamps.

Temporary wiring has been made for the Prom. It is arranged so that each booth can be lighted individually.

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